

CAC Meeting Summary

January 17, 2008

Present: Tim Engleson, Bob Friedman, Dave Wallace / Trapper, Frank Danner, Don Bothwell, Jim Morey, Tony Anderson, Brent Mitchell, Don Clark, Jon Dahlberg, John Fraley, Jim Williams, Darrell Coverdell, Mark Sheets, Mike Feldmann, Jim Vashro, Kristy Personett, Dave Landstrom, Lee Anderson, Justin Sliter, Martha Abbrescia and Bob Berrith.

Updates:

South Fork WCT Project: There was an FWP Commission Conference Call on Monday, 1-14-08. The motion to indefinitely postpone the South Fork WCT Project was tabled 3-2 by the Commission.

- The WCT Public Information Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2008. (Don Skaar will be invited to participate in this meeting.)
- The July FWP Commission Meeting will be held in Kalispell on July 17, 2008 at the Lone Pine Visitor Center. The South Fork WCT Project will be an item on the agenda for this Commission Meeting. All interested public is urged to attend. Trapping finals will also be an item at this meeting.

Trapping Regulation Request (Memo from Larry Peterman)

Recommendations from the CAC (sub-committee) need to be received in April for the May 6th deadline for regions to submit to the Wildlife Division. The CAC Trapping Sub-Committee consists of the following: Jim Williams, Tony Anderson, Don Bothwell, Tim Their, Dan Savage and Dave Wallace. Don Bothwell is concerned that this memo suggests that trappers have to give something and submit to more regulations.

Awards:

Thank you to Frank Danner, Terry Comstock and Terry Murphy for your years of dedicated service to the Region One Citizen's Advisory Committee! (Award given to Frank Danner. Terry Comstock and Terry Murphy were absent from tonight's meeting...we'll catch up with them.)

Regulation Tentatives:

See Attachment entitled: Tentative Hunting Season Proposals – Kalispell Public Hearing January 12, 2008.

Round Table Discussion:

Justin Sliter: Rivers to Lakes initiative is a big topic...(i.e., Northshore Subdivision)

Mark Sheets: Fishing Access Site on Crystal Lake – lots of interest & discussion. Dave Landstrom added that the public comment has been overwhelming...approximately 175 letters have been received. The comments will be categorized.

Jon Dahlberg: It was a great opportunity to participate in the WHI Sheep augmentation. As a member of Flathead Wildlife, Jon is also active in topics such as, Pioneer Road access, Church Slough, Lake Five, McGregor Lake and Crystal Lake.

Brent Mitchell: Audubon is “tickled” about the Stillwater Game Preserve & Old Steel Bridge closure being abandoned. Trapping has been added to the Owen Sowerwine Management Plan. ...if this state loses trapping, it will lose a significant management tool.

Tony Anderson: Archery license sales are increasing, but membership is declining. The Montana Bow Hunter’s Association may not be fully representing archers in Montana. Question posed: How many people would think that a “Survival Tactics” class prior to hunting season would be a good idea? (Several people raised their hands)...Tony adds that this type of pro-active approach would be a feather in FWP’s cap, as the saying goes.

Jim Morey: Lake Koocanusa – a barrier has been put up 500 feet behind the dam (Homeland Security). Jim adds that this barrier is making a lot of people real mad.

Don Bothwell: Pro-Furbearer organization, Montana Furbearer Conservation Alliance, already has approximately 35 members.

Frank Danner: How are we doing on Hubbart Reservoir? FWP is working with the Tribes on this access issue.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting set for: March 12, 2008